New airports for low-cost airlines

811. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all Greenfield airport projects being planned by Government, alongwith the latest status and projected dates of completion;

(b) whether Government will consider additional new Greenfield airports exclusively for the use of low-cost airlines;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are ruling relaxation of norms to allow new airports to come up in both New Delhi and Mumbai; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) At present two Greenfield airport projects, one at Devanahalli near Bangalore and the other at Shamshabad near Hyderabad, are in progress. Government of India has already entered into Concession Agreements with the project companies of these Greenfield airports. The project company for Devanahalli airport, Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), has already executed the relevant project agreements and the Financial Close has been achieved by it on 23rd June, 2005. As per the Concession Agreement entered by Government of India with BIAL, the new airport at Devanahalli is required to be completed within 33 months from the date of Financial Close.

The project agreements for Shamshabad, Hyderabad airport are in different stages of execution. The project company for this airport *i.e.* Hyderabad International Airport Limited (HIAL) is required to complete this project within 36 months from the date of Financial Close is expected to be achieved by September, 2005. Government has also given in principle approval for construction of new Greenfield airports at Mopa in Goa for which the State Government has got a Technical Feasibility Report prepared. There are also plans for construction of Greenfield airports at Navi Mumbai, Chakan near Pune, Ludhiana in Punjab, Kannur in Kerala, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kohima in Nagaland which are in preliminary stages.

At present, there is no proposal for second airport at New Delhi.